

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to APPEAL BRIEF 01/03/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5 and 9-11.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 October 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

- An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's representative, TIEP NGUYEN, on 02/16/05.

Replace claim 1 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005 by the clean version (without underlined and crossed mark) amended by examiner as below:

(Claim 1) *A computer-implemented method of attaching at least one Web page to an e-mail message comprising:*

receiving at least one search term via e-mail;

issuing a search request to a processor-based search engine using the at least one search term;

receiving a hit list from the search engine;

retrieving at least one Web page from the hit list;

bundling a copy of the at least one Web page into an e-mail message;

forwarding the e-mail message to an end-user's terminal wherein the copy of the at least one Web page reviewable by the end-user;

receiving a number representative of a depth in which the depth is the number of successive links to another Web page as accessed through the at least one Web page; and

bundling a copy of each of the successive links between the other Web page and the at least one Web page into the e-mail message.

Cancel claims 2-4 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005.

(Claims 2-4) Cancel.

Replace claim 5 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005 by the clean version (without underlined and crossed mark) amended by examiner as below:

(Claim 5) *A computer readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:*

program code for receiving at least one search term via e-mail;

program code for issuing the at least one search term as a search request to a search engine;

program code for receiving links to a plurality of Web pages that are associated with the at least one search term;

issuing a request for at least one of the plurality of Web pages;

receiving the at least one Web page;

program code for automatically copying the at least one Web page into at least one e-mail message;

program code for automatically forwarding the at least one e-mail message to a remote terminal;

program code for receiving a number representative of a depth in which the depth is the number of successive links to another Web page as accessed through the at least one Web page; and

bundling a copy of each of the successive links between the other Web page and the at least one Web page into the at least one e-mail message.

Claim 6 was canceled by applicants in the Appeal Brief on 01/03/2005.

(Claim 6) Cancel.

Cancel claims 7-8 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005.

(Claims 7-8) Cancel.

Replace claim 9 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005 by the clean version
(without underlined and crossed mark) amended by examiner as below:

(Claim 9) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the copy of the at least one Web page bundled in the e-mail message reviewable by the end-user when the end-user's terminal is not connected to the Web.

Replace claim 10 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005 by the clean version
(without underlined and crossed mark) amended by examiner as below:

(Claim 10) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bundled at least one Web page includes a link to a non-retrieved Web page, wherein the non-retrieved Web page can be retrieved directly via connection to the Internet.

Replace claim 11 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005 by the clean version
(without underlined and crossed mark) amended by examiner as below:

(Claim 11) *The computer-implemented method of claim 10, wherein the non-retrieved Web page can be retrieved upon receiving another search term and issuing another search request to the search engine using the another term.*

Cancel claims 12-14 in the Appeal Brief filed on 01/03/2005.

(Claims 12-14) Cancel.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1, 5 and 9-11 (renumbered as 1-5) are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest available prior arts, Hussey [USP 6,230,156 B1], Harvey [Internet Explorer 4 for Windows for Dummies Quick Reference] and Adams et al. [USP 6,334,145 B1], also teach a computer method and program for processing user requests clients to submit requests to a server via electronic mail, the results of which are typically viewed at a later time. However, Hussey, Harvey and Adams fail to teach or suggest the steps of *receiving a number representative of a depth in which the depth is the number of successive links to another Web page as accessed through the at least one Web page; and bundling a copy of each of the successive links between the other Web page and the at least one Web page into the e-mail message* as in claims 1 and 5. Therefore, the invention is allowable over the prior arts including the providing steps as indicated above.


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUNG Q PHAM whose telephone number is 571-272-4040. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN E BREENE can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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